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REPORT.

California State Library,
Sacramento, August 1st, 1877.

To His Excellency,
William Irwin,
Governor of California:

Sir: I have the honor to transmit herewith the Seventh Biennial Report of the Trustees of the State Library.

Very respectfully your obedient servant,

ROBERT O. CRAVENS,
Librarian, and Secretary of the Board of Trustees.

State Library, July, 1877.

To His Excellency,
William Irwin,
Governor of California:

The Trustees of the State Library respectfully present their Seventh Biennial Report.

The number of volumes in the Library, excluding duplicates, is forty-five thousand four hundred and seventy-eight (45,478); thirty-one thousand nine hundred and seventeen (31,917) are in the General Library, and thirteen thousand five hundred and sixty-one (13,561) in the Law Library.

The accessions since June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-five, have been eight thousand four hundred and seventy-four (8,474). Six thousand six hundred and fourteen (6,614) have been added to the General Library, and one thousand eight hundred and sixty (1,860) to the Law Library.

LIBRARY FUND.

The balance in the Library Fund at the date of our last report, was thirteen thousand nine hundred and forty-eight dollars and eighty-

six cents ($13,948 86). Paid into the fund by the Secretary of State from fees of his office, twenty-four thousand one hundred and sixty-three dollars and fifteen cents ($24,163 15), and by the Surveyor-General from fees of his office, two thousand nine hundred and eighty-two dollars and fifty-seven cents ($2,982 57). The sum of thirty-two thousand three hundred and fifty-six dollars and seventy-five cents ($32,356 75) has been expended for books, maps, newspapers and periodicals; three thousand three hundred and seven dollars and fifteen cents ($3,307 15) for binding; eight hundred and twenty dollars and ninety-nine cents ($820 99) for freight and cartage; one thousand and seventy-eight dollars and fifty-one cents ($1,078 51) for furniture, shelving and carpet; one thousand two hundred and seventy dollars ($1,270 00) for insurance; four hundred and twenty dollars and ten cents ($420 10) for exchange and discount on silver coin; five hundred dollars ($500 00) for salary of Porter; leaving the balance in the fund, one thousand three hundred and forty-one dollars and eight cents ($1,341 08), as shown by the following exhibit:

To books	$32,356 75	June 30th, 1875—By balance	$13,948 86
To binding	3,307 15	June 30th, 1876—By fees from the Secretary of State	11,773 05
To freight, etc.	820 99		
To furniture, carpet, etc.	1,078 51	June 30th, 1876—By fees from the Surveyor-General	2,982 57
To insurance	1,270 00		
To discount on silver	420 10	June 30th, 1877—By fees from the Secretary of State	12,390 10
To Porter	500 00		
To balance	1,341 08		
	$41,094 58		$41,094 58
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The Trustees with pleasure report that the Library is in a healthy and flourishing condition, steadily increasing in quantity, and improving in quality. This is evidenced by the facts herein reported, but will be rendered more apparent by an examination of its well stored shelves. The liberal provision made for its support has enabled the Trustees to add largely to its value during the last two years. The accessions since our last report are largely in excess of those of any corresponding period since the establishment of the Library.

LAW LIBRARY.

This department has received special care and attention; its completeness has attracted the attention of all who have had occasion to examine it. In a recent report of the Commissioner of Education to the Secretary of the Interior, the California State Library is referred to in the following manner: "With reference to completeness, several of the State Libraries already take high rank. In the Department of Reports, the Libraries of New York, California, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, and Iowa are undoubtedly the most complete." Every set of American Reports, together with Digests, is complete to date, and not more than a dozen volumes are needed to complete the English, Scotch, Irish, and Canadian Reports. The matter of supplying deficiencies in statutes has engaged the attention of the Trustees, and they have been able to make nearly complete the sets of most of the younger States, and some of the older ones; but, as many of these statutes are very scarce,

the progress made towards the completion of sets must necessarily be slow and expensive. All standard text-books and treatises are procured as soon as possible after their publication, and may be found on the shelves of the Library. Many of the old text-books have been supplemented by new editions. The sum of eight thousand six hundred dollars has been expended in the Law Department during the last two years.

GENERAL LIBRARY.

This department has also received many and valuable accessions, especially upon the subjects of Political Economy, Social Science, Finance, Medicine, Engineering, Mining, Mechanics and Manufactures, American History and Biography, and the Fine Arts. Special attention has been given to the collection of works on hydraulic engineering and the construction of irrigation works. Among the works on this subject now in the Library are the following:

Smith, (Captain R. Baird), Italian Irrigation, two volumes and atlas.

Smith, (Captain R. Baird), Irrigation in the Madras Provinces, with maps and plans.

Moncrief, (Lieutenant C. C. Scott), Irrigation in Southern Europe.

Cautley, (Colonel Sir Proby T.), Report on the Ganges Canal, three volumes text and one volume plates, folio.

One of the special objects of the State Library is the collection of works on American History in general; but of all the objects for which it exists none responds so directly to the wants of the public as the collection and preservation of all the materials accessible to illustrate the history of the State, its counties, its towns, and its citizens. A complete collection of all the newspapers published in the State would be invaluable for this purpose, for in many of the towns and counties they are the only printed record of the facts of local history. It is believed that the publishers of a large proportion of the newspapers in the State would preserve and give to the State Library the file of each year, on the single condition that it should be promptly bound and made accessible to the public. We suggest that it would be useful and equitable to provide by law that each publisher sending a daily newspaper should receive a copy of the statutes and documents of the session.

CATALOGUE.

The books added to the Library since the issue of the last catalogue will aggregate over twenty thousand. The propriety of publishing a new catalogue, with these large additions incorporated, is suggested, and we recommend that the Legislature provide for having one published.

E. B. MOTT, Jr.,
President of the Board of Trustees.

Robert O. Cravens, Secretary.

BOOKS RECEIVED IN EXCHANGE,

From other States and Territories, and Countries, and as Donations from Individuals.

Donor.	Title.
Alabama	Alabama Reports, Vol. 50.
	Session Laws, 1876–7.
Arkansas	Arkansas Reports, Vol 28.
	Constitution, 1874.
	Laws, 1874–5, 1877.
Colorado	Colorado Reports, Vol. 2.
Connecticut	Connecticut Reports, Vols. 41, 42.
	Colonial Records, 1744–50.
	Public Acts, 1876–7.
	Special Acts, 1876–7.
Florida	Acts, 1877.
	House Journal, 1877.
	Senate Journal, 1877.
Georgia	Georgia Reports, Vols. 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56.
	Senate Journal, 1876.
	House Journal, 1876.
	Laws, 1876.
Idaho	Revised Laws, 1874–5.
Illinois	School Report, 1873–4.
	Industrial Report, 1873–4.
	Adjutant-General's Report, 1873–4.
	Agricultural Report, 1874.
	Board of Public Charities, 1874.
	Attorney-General's Report, 1874.
	Reports to the General Assembly, 1874, 2 vols.
	Senate Journal, 1875.
	House Journal, 1875.
	Legislative Reports, 1875, 2 vols.
	Geological Survey, Vol 6, with map, 1875.
	State Library Catalogue, 1877.
Indiana	Geological Survey, 1875.
	Indiana Reports, Vols. 49, 54.
Iowa	Iowa Reports, Vols. 39, 40, 41.
	Laws, 1874–6.
	Iowa Code, 1873.
	Public Documents, 1874, 3 vols.
	Senate Journal, 1876.
	House Journal, 1876.
Kansas	Kansas Reports, Vols. 13, 14, 15, 16.
	Laws, 1866, 1877.
Kentucky	Bush's Reports, Vols. 9, 10, 11, 12.
Maine	Maine Reports, Vols. 62, 63, 64, 65.
	Acts and Resolves, 1875–6.
	Legislative Register, 1875.
	Documents, 1875–6.
	Senate Journal, 1876.
	House Journal, 1876.
	School Report, 1876.
	Agricultural Reports, 1875–6.
Maryland	Maryland Reports, Vols. 41, 42, 43, 44.
	State Library Catalogue, 1874.
	House Journal, 1874–5.
	Senate Journal, 1874–5.
	Laws, 1876.
	Documents, 1876.
Massachusetts	Massachusetts Reports, Vols. 113, 114, 115, 116, 118, 119, 120.
	Seventh and Eighth Reports of the Board of Health.
	Public Documents, 1873–4–5.
	Acts and Resolves, 1873–4–5–6.
	Census, 1875, Vol. 1.

Books Received in Exchange—Continued.

Donor.	Title.
Michigan	State Library Catalogue, 1875–6.
	State Librarian's Report, 1873–4.
	Michigan Reports, Vols. 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33.
	Territorial Laws, 1875.
	Railroad Reports, 1873.
Minnesota	Laws, 1874–5–6.
	Exeeutive Doeuments, 1874–5.
	Senate Journal, 1875.
	House Journal, 1875.
	Minnesota Reports, Vols. 20, 21, 22.
	House Journal, 1876.
	Senate Jonrnal, 1876.
	Executive Doeuments, 1875, Vols. 1, 2.
Mississippi	Mississippi Reports, Vols. 51, 52, 53.
	Laws, 1876–7.
	Senate Journal, 1876–7.
	House Journal, 1876–7.
	Official Reports, 1877.
Misssouri	Missouri Reports, Vols. 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64.
	Laws, 1875.
Nebraska	Laws, 1875.
	Public Documents, 1875.
	Assembly Journal, 1875.
	Nebraska Reports, Vols. 4, 5.
Nevada	Nevada Reports, Vols. 10, 11.
	Senate Journal, Seventh Session, 1875.
	House Journal, Seventh Session, 1875.
New Hampshire	New Hampshire Reports, Vol. 54.
	Laws, 1875.
New Jersey	Vroom's Reports, Vols. 8, 9.
	C. E. Green's Reports, Vols. 10, 11.
	Laws, 1875.
	Senate Journal, 1875.
	Assembly Journal, 1875.
	Legislative Doeuments, 1875.
	Laws, 1876.
	Senate Journal, 1876.
	Assembly Journal, 1876.
	Legislative Documents, 1876.
New York	New York Reports, Vols. 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64.
	Hun's Reports, Vols. 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9.
	Twenty-sixth Annual Report N. Y. State Museum, 1872.
	Eighty-sixth Annual Report Regents of the N. Y. State University.
	Regents' Report on the Boundaries of the State of New York, 1873.
	Senate Doeuments, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 1873.
	Assembly Documents, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 9, 1873.
	Senate Journal, Ninety-seventh Session, 1874.
	Assembly Journal, Ninety-seventh Session, 1874.
	Senate Doeuments, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 1874.
	Assembly Documents, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 13, 1874.
	Trial of H. H. Prindle, 2 vols.
	Trial of George G. Barnard, 3 vols.
	Trial of George M. Curtis.
	Trial of John H. McCunn.
	Laws of New York, 1876.
	Senate and Assembly Journals, 1875.
	Senate Doeuments, Vols. 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 1876.
	Assembly Doeuments, Vols. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 1876.
	Regents' Report, 1875.
	Library Report, 1875.
North Carolina	North Carolina Reports, Vols. 72, 73, 74, 75.
	Laws, 1874–5.
Ohio	Ohio State Reports, Vols. 25, 26, 27.
	House Journal, 1874.
	Senate Journal, 1874.
	Exeeutive Doeuments, 1874, Parts 1 and 2.

BOOKS RECEIVED IN EXCHANGE—Continued.

DONOR.	Title.
Ohio	Agricultural Reports, 1874.
	Railroad and Telegraph Reports, 1874.
	Common Schools Report, 1874.
	Geological Reports, 1874, Part 1, Vol. 2.
	Laws of Ohio, 1875.
	Executive Documents, Parts 1 and 2, 1875.
	Ohio Statistics, 1875.
	Auditor's Report, 1875.
	Railroad, etc., Reports, 1875.
	Agricultural Reports, 1875.
	House Journal, 1875.
	Senate Journal, 1875.
	Laws, 1876.
Oregon	Oregon Reports, Vols. 4, 5.
	Laws, 1876.
Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania State Reports, Vols. 76, 77, 78, 79, 80.
	Laws, 1875.
	Senate Journal, 1875.
	House Journal, 1875.
	Executive Documents, 1874.
	Legislative Documents, 1875, 3 vols.
	Smull's Legislative Hand-book, 1875.
	Report of Bureau of Statistics, 1874.
	Report of Board of Charities, 1874.
	Insurance Report, 1874.
	Laws, 1876.
	Senate Journal, 1876.
	House Journal, 1876.
	Legislative Documents, 1876, 3 vols.
	Executive Documents, 1875.
	School Reports, 1875.
	Insurance Reports, 1875.
	Smull's Legislative Hand-book, 1876.
Rhode Island	Acts and Resolves, May Session, 1875.
	Index to Acts, 1863–73.
	Manual, 1875–6.
	Supplement to General Statutes, January, 1875, to May, 1876, inclusive.
	Acts, 1875–6.
	Census, 1875.
South Carolina	Richardson's Reports, Vols. 4, 5.
	Acts and Resolves, 1875–6.
	House Journal, 1874–5.
	Senate Journal, 1874–5.
	House Journal, 1875–6.
	House Journal, 1875–6.
	Reports and Resolves, 1875–6.
	Acts, Extra Session, 1877.
Tennessee	House Journal, 1875.
	Senate Journal, 1875.
	Appendix, 1875.
	Laws, 1875.
	Heiskell's Reports, Vol. 8.
Texas	Texas Reports, Vol. 42.
	Laws, 1876.
Vermont	Compiled School Laws, 1875.
	Vermont Reports, 47, 48.
	Governor and Council, Vol. 4.
	Laws, 1876.
	Legislative Directory, 1876.
	Legislative Documents, 1876, Vols. 1, 2, 3.
	Seventeenth and Eighteenth Registration Reports.
	Dairyman's Association, 1876.
Virginia	Senate Journal and Documents, 1874–5.
	House Journal and Documents, 1874–5.
	Grattan's Reports, Vols. 24, 25.
West Virginia	West Virginia Reports, Vols. 6, 7, 8, 9.

Books Received in Exchange—Continued.

Donor.	Title.
Wisconsin	Wisconsin Reports, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41.
	Railroad Laws, compiled, 1876.
	Messages and Documents, 1876, 2 vols.
	Laws, 1876.
	Senate and Assembly Journals, 1876.
	Laws, 1877.
	Senate and Assembly Journals, 1877.
	Messages and Documents, 1877, 2 vols.
Wyoming	Compiled Laws, 1876.
	Laws, 1871–3.
United States	Patent Office Plans and Specifications, from November, 1874, to April, 1877.
	Report of the Commissioners of Education, 1874–5.
	Journals and Documents, First and Second Sessions Forty-third Congress, and First Session Forty-fourth Congress.
	Report on Public Libraries, Parts 1 and 2, 1876.
	Wheeler's Survey, West One Hundred Meridian, Vol. 5, Geology.
	Historical Sketch of the United States Naval Academy.
	Geological Reports of the United States Exploring Expedition—Santa Fé to Junction of Grand and Green Rivers.
	Astronomical and Meteorological Observations for 1874.
	Statutes at Large; First and Second Sessions Forty-fourth Congress.
San Francisco	San Francisco Municipal Reports, 1874–5, 1875–6.
San Francisco Mercantile Library Asssociation	Supplemental Catalogue, 1874–5.
Chili	Bulletin of the International Exposition of Chili, for 1875.
	Official Publications and Statistics of Chili, 1876.
New South Wales	Proceedings of the Legislative Council and Assembly, 1874, and 1875–6.
Melbourne Public Library	Victoria Meteorological Observations, 1859–62.
	Mueller's Fragmenta Phytographiæ, Australia, Melbourne, 1860–74, 7 vols.
	Mueller's Australian Mosses, Melbourne, 1864.
	Mueller's Vegetation of the Chatham Islands, Melbourne, 1864.
	Statistical Register of Victoria.
	Gold Fields of Victoria, Melbourne, 1862.
	Hand-book of Australia, 1857.
	Dr. Leichardt's Travels in Australia, Melbourne, 1859.
	Maye's Essay on the Resources of Australia.
	Story's Essay on the Agriculture of Victoria.
	Vocabulary of Aboriginal Dialects of Australia.
	Acheson on the Collection and Storage of Water in Victoria.
	Australia at the London Exhibitions, 1862–73.
	Australia and the Philadelphia Exhibition, 1876.
	Melbourne Public Library Catalogues, 1861–65–72.
	Statistical Notes on the Progress of Victoria, 1835–60.
	Lectures before the Melbourne Technological Museum, etc., 1871.
	Melbourne Public Library Report, 1875.
	Catalogue of Oil Paintings in the Melbourne Public Library.
South Australia	South Australia Acts of Parliament, 1876.
Quebec	Statutes of Quebec, 1875.
	Legislative Journal, 1875.
Victoria	Astronomical Observations, 1874.
The American Swedenborg Printing and Publishing Society	The Works of Emanuel Swedenborg, complete.
Tyrrell, G. G.	Transactions of the California State Medical Society, 1876–7.
Honorable Newton Booth	Congressional Record, Second Session, Forty-third Congress.